

Lesson Six

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Hadith 1

A person from the Ahul Suffa (poorest of the poor) died and he had 1 Dinar (gold piece) in his possession. The Prophet (saw) said that would be one branding (scarring). Another passed away and he had 2 Dinar. The Prophet (saw) said that would be two brandings.

[1] Lesson for others

[2] Relates to Waqfs.

[3] Person who is not poor should not be taking money designated for the poor.

[4] There is nothing wrong with leaving wealth for heirs.

[5] Abu Issaqal Qazurooni relates that a bunch of poor people were eating from food that was placed outside a spiritual lodge that was placed for the poor. He said "Oh people who are eating Haram." The people stopped eating. He stated "If any of you possess any world assets, stop eating, otherwise you can keep eating." Some moved away, some kept eating. He said "Allah is the only one without blemish. This is one single food- haram for some people, allowed for others."

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Hadith 2

Ma'awiyah (ra) went to visit his uncle Abu Hashim who began to weep. He said "What is making you cry/weep? Is it some kind of pain that is hurting? Or is it because you still have some desire for the Dunya?" His uncle responded "Absolutely not. I am crying because The Prophet (saw) had taken a pledge, given me something which I was unable to fulfill." "What was it?" Ma'awiyah (r) asked. His uncle responded "I heard the Prophet (saw) say in terms of your gathering wealth/hording wealth, the only thing that sufficies you is a servant and vehicle. My fear is that I have been gathering more than that."

[1] Halal to gather money if for good reason – use for family, in path of Allah, etc.

[2] The Prophet (saw) told a Sahabi that it is better to keep money for inheritors rather than giving it all away

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Hadith 3

Umm Darda said to the Abu Darda, “How come that you don’t seek of the Dunya like so and so does (trying to say that he is of a similar status as him).” He said “I heard the Prophet (saw) say, ‘In front of you is this extremely difficult harsh terrain in between the mountains that you have to cross to get to Jannah. It is only the people who travel light who will be able to pass it, not those who travel heavy.’ I just prefer to stay light for that particular ravine”

[1] Preference – some Sahaba (ra) did gather wealth and others did not want to gather a lot of money

[2] If you have money be careful and spend it in the right way

[3] Be wary of Miserliness, Bukhul, Greed

[4] Our decisions as Muslims should be made with a view of humanity

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Hadith 4

Anas (ra) asked, “Can somebody completely abstain from the Dunya and not be polluted by it at all?”

The Prophet (saw) said more or less, “Is there anyone who walks on water without getting his feet wet?”

Anas (r) responded, “Of course not, he’s going to get some amount of wetness”

The Prophet (saw) said more or less “Likewise, the person who indulges in the world he is not going to be safe completely from some type of sin (greed, miserliness, stinginess)”

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Hadith 5

The Prophet (saw) said more or less, “It wasn’t inspired to me that I gather wealth and that I be among the traders. But the revelation to me was Glorify the Praises of your Lord and be among the people who prostrate. And worship your Lord until your death comes to you.”

[1] Trader- completely in trading – living, breathing, eating, sleeping in trade/business

[2] Deen should be primary

[3] Trading cannot become primary

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Hadith 6

The Prophet (saw) said more or less “Whoever seeks the Dunya in a Halal manner, so that he doesn’t have to ask/beg anybody, to work to feed his family, and so he can be compassionate to his neighbors. If he does this, then he will meet Allah (swt) on the Day of Judgment and his face will be illuminated like the moon on the 14th night. And whoever seeks the Dunya in Halal manner, but just to have more, just to increase and to boast about it, and to show off, then when he meets Allah (swt) on the Day of Judgment, then Allah will be angry on him.”

[1] Importance of seeking Dunya for the right reasons/intention

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Hadith 7

The Prophet (saw) said more or less, “Anything you see in this world as goodness is a virtue to be gotten is a treasure. For every treasure you have keys. Glad tiding for that servant that Allah (swt) makes him a key of goodness and a shutter of evil. Destruction and woe be upon that person who Allah (swt) has designated as a key to evil.

[1] Keys- hand of people

[2] Person who is a key to goodness – studies and disseminates knowledge

[3] Person who is key to evil – calling to Kufr, evil, showing off, preventing, bad attitude

[4] Allah (swt) had made many things with a dual purpose – can have good and bad purpose

Ex. Someone makes a hospital/masjid/etc

Intention is wrong – to show off – for him money is evil

The same hospital/masjid is beneficial for others

[5] In the Quran Allah (swt) refers to it as good sometimes and sometimes as evil

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Hadith 8

The Prophet (saw) said more or less “When no blessing has been put into a servant’s wealth, he will put it into water and sand (i.e. building)

[1] Condemnation of buildings

[2] Part of Dunya- it will finish. Build in the hereafter instead.

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Hadith 9

The Prophet (saw) said more or less “Be careful of Haram in your buildings. Abstain from haram in your buildings. The whole foundation of it is ruin”

[1] Talking about excessiveness

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Hadith 10

The Prophet (saw) said more or less “The Dunya is the abode of one who has no other abode. It is the wealth for one who has no other wealth. And the one who gathers for it, he has no intelligence”

[1] Make your abode the hereafter

[2] Do not focus on Dunya to the detriment of the hereafter

[3] Is your ambition for this world or the hereafter?

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